

that they ^{would} rather put the liberty to see the prisoners in the right way
than here. I do not expect to write you again, in this way, in this
simple subject. I can not be so to me all the good that has been
done here destroyed. I can discuss, I would say, but you can
and. I'd are not put in paper all I know.

On the subject of my note of the 11th inst. I returned that
you state that. At the end of April, when the Spring business
comes on, in the time, to look forward for a position with a much ant.
I am anxious to visit you, but I am sure I do confidently see
it advice of your friends, but I shall see they not to be surprised at
for your answer. I have for every good cause, in that of
the slave. L. King'sbury.

Rev. A. A. Phelps,
Boston.

Framingham,
Ms. Feb. 7 1844

Rev. Amos A. Phelps,
1st Free Cong. Chh.
Boston

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calls the dear, good old gentleman Senior pastor, & then & then, that
it makes Mr. B's opinion the perfect in their eyes. Some presents too, to
Dr. Kelley & help the poor. I mention this particular only, he came
convinced, and others, in that ally, so to Dr. Kelley's, to give more about
affairs, when they not only women not clear the truth, but up at they
would learn, or value the wrong. Mr. B. proposes to go to Dr. Kelley's
for advice. Mr. B. goes to Mr. B. to see the best of his opinion, and
means to support, if Dr. B. thinks proper, that, that is, sufficient, and
his own paper & influence. Dr. B. would also in the time, by the
and particular only his family, I am not the confidence of a large
part of our society. not at the body of this people. Mr. B. is an
prominent of Boston, & as, so far as his friends & his ministerial friends
around, that is, that would not be likely to get at much of our affairs.
Such representations are in all respects, on others, I find it difficult.

and labor in a proper way with the people, go round & pray with them, &
if possible excite some moral & religious affection & action. Some letters
in perhaps. Miller, if he had an approved subject, and was the right
sort of man. Such a man as you would approve, and also your mini-
sterial brethren in the city, might bring a letter to Mr. Patten Johnson.
Some agent for some Socy or some particular subject, might an-
swer. And such lecturer, or agent, might get paid as he went along.
Some minister, who should choose such a tour. Rev. H. G.
Ludlow was here, a few weeks, while Mr. Trask was with us, and
the people remember Mr. Ludlow, still. But I have no
doubt that you & your friends will think of something better than any
thing that I can suggest, and I do not, at all, know what you would
approve. I throw off my thoughts, because, no man can think of
every thing. I do not know but Mr. Trask would think
it best for Mr. Parkhurst to leave us. Mr. & Mrs. Parkhurst
have strong reasons & good motives for uniting with Mr. Haven's
chh., and besides if Mr. Park. should leave, it might throw
our society into one united body, who would, by the way, be in union
with Mr. Patten Johnson. Dea. Luther Haven & others of the dis-affec-
ted, were urged, (as I understand) by Mr. Wilder, Dr. Jac. Ide's pa-
tr., not to leave when Mr. Trask was with us. Johnson &
J. J. Marshall went to the Hopkinsians to see what
saw of Mr. Trask, altho they are not of that theo-
logical school. Dea. Haven knows nothing to my
knowledge, only that he is "deacon". If then should be so
chance here, and things continue on until Mr. Brigham must be
quelled away, Mr. D. Johnson may do as well for a quelled
as any man in the chh. here. But it is a dreadful business, it is
a great injury to a chh. & people. It is supposed that Mr. Brigham
will stay & preach just as long as he can get \$750. a year.
This place is of a peculiar, anomalous character. We want a man
of genius, boldness, fervent piety & missionary spirit.
I shall depend upon you to speak to others on our case, as you
may deem to be wise & according to your views of duty. (I do not)
My old & excellent friend Rev. Dr. Kellogg & his two daugh-
ters, are especially devoted to Mr. Brigham, are particu-
larly intimate with Mrs. B. as you would expect. Dr.
Kellogg & his daughter know nothing about the
true aspect of affairs. Dr. K's family including his
son Gardner, were extremely active & bitter against Mr.
& Mrs. Trask. Mr. B. treats Dr. K. just as a way, and

of good, since he has been with us. And now he has been so
scattered, that he can do nothing. Besides, with his great des-
ire to be present, & take advice, & appear amiable, he is con-
tinually making some blunder, or another. The little matter
that I alluded to in my last, I call another sort of "trouble" affair.
It is not one that can be brought to any issue, nor will but very
few know anything about it. Indeed, none will, understand it per-
fectly. But it certainly will be added to the account against
him, in the estimate of his fitness for this post. I took to say that I
view Mr. Brigham to be one of highly respectable ability, of value
in the ministry, and a far better man & Christian than myself.
But it does appear to me, that the Bishops & Arch-Bishops
of our denomination ought to intimate to Mr. B. that they can
not feel that this place can any longer be the best post for his use-
fulness to the church of God. The account of his trial is spread
all over New England. I had a letter, last summer, from a min-
ister of some distinction, making inquiry in the subject. He stated
that upon reading the trial carefully, he could not come to a satis-
factory conclusion in the case, and evidently thought that Mr.
Brigham's prospects here must be clouded. I have been told
that the Hon. Richard Fletcher of Boston declares it to be his
opinion that the verdict of "not guilty," was wrong. A mem-
ber of this church, who is well acquainted in Waltham, Mr. Brig-
ham's native town, tells me, that some of the best informed inhabit-
ants of that town, who have always known Mr. B. say that the
charges alleged against him here by the trustees, &c. certainly hit
traits that have existed in his character from his youth — from
the time that he was a boy at school. Now however pure
if innocent Mr. Brigham may be, must it not be bad to have our
unitarians know these things. It may be said, perhaps, it
will wear off; the unitarians are polite & glad to show him cour-
tesy. Psh! The leading unitarians in this village are notorious-
ly the most malignant in the sect. If the orthodox minist-
er's influence is impaired or lessened here, they would be the more
polite & courteous to him. They would be very sorry to have
him leave. Have I not abundant reason to be worried and dis-
tressed and mortified? I do not sleep, some nights, for hours,
as I should think. I would suggest for your con-
sideration the query, whether it would not be well to have
some suitable man, when the travelling is good, come in here

Wilmington, Feb. 18th 1840

Lawson Kingsbury.

My Dear Sir:

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This is the last letter that I shall dare to trouble you with. I have had a few minutes conversation with Mr. Parkhurst. He thinks that he must leave and unite with the Society at Unionville. Mr. & Mrs. Parkhurst are well pleased with Mr. Aaron the minister at Unionville, and the distance from Mr. Parkhurst's residence to this village is such that it is very difficult for his family to attend meeting with us, especially during the winter months, and he doubtless has other reasons. Mr. Parkhurst's separation from us will make some difference with the prospects of my society and future movements.

I have been told, since my last note to you, that Mr. Patten Johnson is anxious to lead in making a change here. I have no particular, confidential intercourse with Patten. I am and things suppose, that it is neither needful nor desirable. Mr. Chas. F. W. Parkhurst thinks that P. J. will do well enough, and that his friends who compose the Trunk party will unite with Johnson cordially. I shall show my plan when they make a move, to have placed our affairs in Mr. Trask's hands, or under his influence. This I could readily accomplish if Mr. Parkhurst was in the lead.

As soon as the ship is under weigh I can steer her to any port I like. I trust every thing I say to you will be received strictly confidential. As soon as the courses are hauled up for action and the decks are cleared, I can fight the ship myself at the helm, I presume to no influence. And I should be glad to have nothing to do or say in relation to these affairs, now, or at any future time, if matters were moving right. Nor do I propose to hasten

troubles with Mr. Bingham. I am only solicitor, in my own part, to keep some able & wise clergyman informed of the prospects here, and of the progress of events with us, and let matters work.

But we need prayer. We need the prayers of God's people. I hope you will remember me & mine. It does seem to me that this ch. & minister & people need the prayers of every minister of Christ. If it is in your judgment proper, I should wish that your ministerial brethren around you would make us and our minister a special subject of prayer. Mr. Parkhurst thinks that there is the greatest call for it. We cannot see that Mr. Bingham has done one jot or tittle